and the parents and/or other dependent family members, when a division is asked for, on the merit of the individual case.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of six French submarines

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SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be plesaed to state:

(a) whether India signed a deal to construct six French submarines in the country at a cost of Rs. 15000 crores;

(b) whether this deal was started by a joint statement made by Prime Minister and French President in Paris on September, 12;

(c) if so, whether this deal was signed in October, 2005 between India and France;

(d) whether the first French submarine will be ready for service within seven years; and

(e) if so, to what extent this deal will be helpful for Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The contracts for the indigenous construction of six French scorpene class submarines at Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai, under Transfer of Technology from M/s. ARMARIS, France were signed on 6th October 2005. A joint statement dated 12th September, 2005 was issued by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Republic of France at Paris and it also referred to this project. Government sanction for the project has been issued for Rs. 18798 crore including Rs. 3553 crore as taxes. The project cost is also inclusive of Rs. 2160 crore provided as budgetary estimate for Torpedo, Portable Deep Water Noise Range, Base and Depot spares and MDL infrastructure. It also includes the cost of the contract between MDL, Mumbai and M/s. ARMARIS, France; MDL and Government of India; and Government of India and M/s. MBDA, France. The first sumbarine is scheduled for induction in 2012. The induction of the submarines would augment the submarine force level of the Navy.